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AREARRANGEMENTS have been made for
passing the Company's Steamers through
the Suez Canal in Quarantine, thus avoiding
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are now being made at VENTURA, and the Quar-
antine which is still imposed at this and all
other Continental Ports prevents the landing of
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pany's Steamers must remain on board
the vessel which calls at Marseilles or Genoa—
stoppage a few hours only to transship cargo—
and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoid-
ing any detention at the Port. The Company's
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Hongkong, 7th September, 1883. [1678]

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THE Company's Steamship
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"SELWEMPIA,"
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Ports TO, MORROW, at the 8th instant, at DAY-
LIGHT, instead of as previously advertised.
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Hongkong, 7th September, 1883. [1874]

T FOR SAIGON.
The Steamship
"EUROPA"
will be despatched for the above Port TO,
MORROW, at the 8th instant, at FIVE P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SOEY SHING,
Roulinan Steamer.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1883. [1877]

T FOR HIOHOW AND PAKHOI.
The Steamship
"PING-ON,"
Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO, MORROW, at the 8th instant,
at DAY LIGHT, instead of as previously advertised.
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RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1883. [1874]

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Hongkong, 7th September, 1883. [1675]

A CARD,
PRIVATE BOARDING
AT 16, ELGIN STREET,
TERMS MODERATE.
MRS. E. LILLEY. [1678]

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S
SOCIETY will be held in the City Hall on
MONDAY, the 10th September, at 5.30 to
consider the Report of the Committee and elect
Officers for the ensuing year, and to decide upon
the manner in which the National Celebration
of St. Andrew be observed.
By Order of the Committee,
A. D. MASTAVISH,
Hon. Sec.
Hongkong Sat September, 1883. [1645]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.
JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 83 of 18

PRINCE JOHN STEWARD LAFRAKE AND THOMAS MANGER,
 OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID BOTTOMLEY,
 Agents and Auctioneers at Yantai, Hongkong,
 and the style or firm of **BORGES**
LAFRAKE AND COMPANY,
 DEPENDANT—NO CHONGING.

NOTICE is hereby given that a **Writ** of
 Habeas Corpus has been returned against the
 Defendant, **JOHN STEWARD LAFRAKE**, and the
 party mentioned is apprehensible and should
 make his appearance within the Colony has been
 issued by the Court pursuant to the Provisions
 of Section XXXV of the Hongkong Code
 of Civil Procedure.

Dated this Third day of September, 1882.
EDWARD J. WATSON,
 Solicitor for the Plaintiff,
 33, Queen's Road.

1882.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to
 send in to this Office a List of their Con-

It for that year-to-be-pa
entors may be arranged,

sent in before the 30th November next, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent claims or alterations will be allowed.
By Order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTREE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1933. | 1632

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE
YEAR 1932.**

SHAREHOLDERS In the above Company are requested to bring to the Directors' attention before the 30th November next, any claim for bonus or interest on bonus which they may be entitled to, and to state the amount of such claim or interest, and to certify that the same is correct. Any claim or interest not so certified will be deemed to have been waived, and no subsequent claim or alteration will be allowed.

31st December last, in
ation of the Profits resort

butors may be arranged. Returns not forwarded prior to the Thirty first day of October next, will be adjusted by the Company and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARVINE, MATTHESON & Co.,
General Managers

Hongkong, 17th August, 1883. [1648]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the first year ending 30th June inst, at the rate of TWO POUNDS STERLING (\$2) per SHARE of £125, and FIVE SHILLINGS (5s) per NEW SHARE of \$31.25 paid up is payable on and after MONDAY, the 27th instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
R. JACKSON,
Chief Manager

Hongkong, 25th August, 1883. [1599]

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CHRISTY'S FELT HATS, New Shapes.
THE "CLIMAX" UMBRELLA, (patented to wear well).
THE "ACME" RAIN COAT, (ventilated and thoroughly waterproof).
TRAVELLING TRUNKS.
AIR-TIGHT UNIFORM CASES.
PRICKLY HEAT SOAP.
ASHANTI HAMMOCKS.
PERFUMERY, from the best London Makers.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1893.

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
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NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is respectfully requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson & Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Correspondents are requested to forward their names and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1893.

In the memory of living man no more wonderful convulsion of nature has ever manifested than that which has just occurred in the Straits of Sunda. Of the titanic forces working beneath the crust of the earth there are on record numerous marvellous examples; and within the past few weeks the island of Iquica, near Naples, has been the theatre of a dreadful catastrophe, whereby it is estimated 8,000 lives have been lost, and immense damage done. Aerial, however, as the earthquake in Iquica proved to be an appalling fact, by bursting as many of the ill-fated inhabitants in the ruins of their dwellings, the terrible upheaval in Java and Sumatra has surpassed it in the extent and colossal nature of the changes it has wrought. We have before us only a few brief words telegraphed, but how pregnant are they! They tell of a transformation, effected in a few hours that the puny hand of man, with all the aid of science, could not have accomplished in centuries. Where but yesterday a noble mountain reared its majestic form, a conspicuous landmark to the mariner, the waves now wash peacefully in another case an island has been split into five portions; and not less striking is the statement that the entire district or Residency of Batavia has been converted into an ash desert. All the lighthouses have been swept away, three towns have been destroyed, and sixteen volcanoes have appeared where no such phenomena existed before. The physical geography of the locality is entirely changed, and navigation is rendered in the highest degree unsafe. On the other hand, the waves of human beings have been killed, and thousands more are starving; at the same time the blighting effect of the volcanic eruption has been such as to leave no herbage for the cattle. It is difficult, indeed, with the few brief sentences flashed through the telegraph wires before us, to form any idea of the magnitude of the disaster or to realize the gigantic benevolence which has taken place in the Sunda Straits.

Owing to the various ways of rendering the names of places on the coasts of Java and Sumatra it is rather difficult to give anything like an accurate sketch of the district which has been the scene of this grand but mournful visitation. We will, however, endeavour to make somewhat clearer the nature of the calamity by giving a brief description of the localities. The Straits of Sunda, as our readers are aware, divide the islands of Java and Sumatra, and this passage is commonly used by all sailing vessels bound for China and adjacent countries—it forms, indeed, the great gate for admittance to the Far East. The port of Anjer, which, with two other towns, has been destroyed by the earthquakes, was situated on the Java coast in latitude 6 degrees 3 minutes 10 seconds S., longitude 105 degrees 54 minutes 50 sec. E. Although the roadstead is only in different and landing in the N.E. monsoon, dangerous on account of the high surf, it was a great port of call, where ships, both outward and homeward bound, took in provisions and water. Tjiringingha was a small fishing town about twenty-five miles west of Anjer, situated at the mouth of a river navigable for some distance up by small craft. The country inland was extremely fertile and highly cultivated. Telok Batang was the chief town in Lampung Bay, on the Sumatran coast, and nearly opposite to Anjer. Its population consisted of natives of Sumatra and Rongkies, and its chief trade was in Lampung tobacco. At both Anjer and Telok Batang there were lighthouses. There was also a light on Fourth Point or Tjiringingha, which for some time has been destroyed. Disasters

as these events are to the population, and actions in their consequences to shipping, they sink into insignificance when mentioned with the total disappearance of Mount Krakatau (or Krakatau as it is more correctly called), the division of the island of Soengapan (or Soengapan), into five parts, and the sudden appearance of sixteen volcanoes between Krakatau and Sibue (or Bezeo) Island. Krakatau was an island lying in the middle of the Sunda Straits, about five miles in length and three in breadth. On its top a bold conical peak, named after the island, to a height of 2,638 feet, which, being a most conspicuous object, served as a landmark to the mariner. A range of high land extended from the peak in a northerly direction for a mile and a quarter, thence to the north-westward, and gradually diminishing in height, disappeared at the north-west point of the island. If our readers will imagine a rocky island half the size of Hongkong, its loftiest pinnacle one-third higher than Victoria Peak, they will realize pretty nearly what Mount Krakatau was; we speak in the past tense, for it has sunk beneath the wave! But the wonder ceases not here. "Between the site of Mount Krakatau and Bezeo Island, about seven miles distant, and which contains another lofty sugarloaf shaped peak called Sabazeo, no less than sixteen volcanoes have risen into existence. Bezeo Island is partly under cultivation, and in all probability Krakatau was also inhabited, as it contained some level land. The island of Soengapan (called Soengapan in the telegram), which has been split into five parts, is one of the Lagoon group lying in the southwest part of the entrance to Lampung Bay. These islands are fortunately uninhabited, and Soengapan was one of the smallest of the seven of which the group was composed.

On the mainland of Java the volcanic eruptions and antebellum disturbances appear to have been felt almost as severely as among the islands in the Straits of Sunda. The telegram tells us that the whole of the Residency of Batavia is an ash desert. When we consider that Batavia is a good sized province, that it was a perfect garden, producing large quantities of coffee, sugar, pepper, cotton, indigo, rice, &c., and supported about 400,000 inhabitants in comfort, the awful condition to which its people have been reduced will be better understood. Eloquent indeed is the telegram—a volume of misery in four terse sentences:—"The whole district known as the Residency of Batavia an ash desert. Cattle feedless. Famine imminent. Population starving and in despair." The fair and fertile country has been transformed into a desert, the means of subsistence suddenly snatched from the helpless population, and in a few hours so to speak they have passed from prosperity to destitution. The case of the hapless Batavians is a sad one indeed, and must arouse the commiseration of every civilized community. The Singaporeans, with a spontaneous generosity that does them infinite credit, have already rushed to the rescue, and are raising funds for the relief of the sufferers by this stupendous affliction. The Government of Netherlands India will of course do their duty and use their utmost endeavours to mitigate the suffering and avert a famine. To be effective succour must be speedily given. Desolation covers the land, the people literally sit in ashes, mourning their lost ones, the only prospect before them that of hopeless ruin and impending starvation. Heartbreaking as it is, the appeals still more to our sympathies, for these the survivors are in great and imminent distress; to successfully relieve which no time must be lost. The energies, the resources, and the administrative abilities of the Batavian Government will be taxed to the utmost to accomplish this humane object, to minister to this crying necessity.

The agent informs us that the Pacific Mail Co.'s ship, City of Tokio, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 15th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for this port on the 8th inst.

From an advertisement published in today's issue it will be seen that passengers by the O. & C. Company's steamers can now proceed direct to London without detention anywhere, arrangements having been made for passing the steamers through the Canal in quarantine. As quarantine is the least of the evils which may befall a ship, the advantages of this arrangement are obvious.

The German corvette *Storch* arrived here from Shanghai yesterday morning, and exchanged salutes with the port, the Commodore, and Admiral Meyer. Admiral von Goette paid a visit to the British Consul at San Francisco. Keyer, on board the *Victor Emanuel* and the *Triumph*, was also saluted. The *Storch* will shortly proceed to Singapore, where she will meet H.E.B. Speer, which brings her an entire relief.

We regret to have to record the death of Surgeon-Major Bradford, Army Medical Department, British Consul at San Francisco. He died on the 20th inst. He was only arrived in Hongkong on the 20th inst. He was ordered to Japan on the 21st inst. following on "leave," having been sent to Japan by the British Consul at San Francisco. No improvement taking place in his health while in Japan, he was ordered home, and died on the 21st inst. He was the only British officer who died in Japan during the late war. He was a very brave and gallant officer, and his death is a great loss to the British Army.

From the Straits Times we note that prompt steps were taken in Singapore to afford relief to the sufferers by the volcanic eruptions in Java. One contemporary of the 20th ult. says: "We are glad to learn that our Government have been able to claim of lunacy in this case. The Hon. C. J. Irving, the Acting Colonial Secretary, called the Unofficial Members of Council together this morning, and it was agreed to send help to the sufferers in Java to the extent of £25,000, and a telegram has been sent to the Hon. C. J. Irving, in Batavia asking what form the relief will take under the circumstances. On Mr. Irving's part, we have no doubt, be duly and fully appreciated by the Netherlands India Government."

On the morning of the 5th inst., at about three o'clock, fire was discovered in the boiler room of the steamer *Keyer*, which is the Al. bett graving dock, Tjiringingha, Singapore. The alarm was immediately given, and the *Man-of-war* and Company's European employees were quickly on the spot. A large quantity of water was used to extinguish the fire, and the fire was extinguished at five o'clock, but the fire had done much damage to the boiler room. The fire was caused by a small quantity of oil, which had been left in the boiler room, and which had been ignited by a small fire.

The German barge *Chanderagor* left the Kowloon dock yesterday, and the German barge *Went* went to the Kowloon dock. The German barge *Went* will be docked at San-shi-Fo today.

The coroner, Mr. H.R. Wedderburn, and a jury composed of Messrs W. Atkinson, B. de Cruz, and J. M. de Romet, met at the Old Hall yesterday afternoon, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of a prostitute named Wong Ahn, aged 27 years. Inspector Lee was called into the house where the deceased lived, and the woman admitted to him that she had taken opium, because she said she felt lost in the morning by gambling in the lottery tickets. She told him that nothing of the sort of the drug, she had only taken 30 or 40 cash of water, and she would not be able to stand, and appeared to be ill, though she had been vomiting. She was taken to the Civil Hospital, where she died at first without any signs of opium poisoning, though they afterwards found it in the stomach, and she died, including the stomach pain, but no opium was discovered, and she died after being in the Hospital about two days. Dr. Marques desired to see the body, and the coroner allowed it to be taken to the morgue, and the post mortem was performed on Monday, the coroner observing that he should like to have some evidence as to the lottery, which were very prevalent here.

Yesterday afternoon an alarm of fire was rung out by the fire bells at about 3.20, the cause being an outbreak in a tea shop occupied by the Mel Pong at 263, Queen's-road West. The cause appears to have been the drying of tea, which was going on in the back part of the first floor, where there were several tea sets, and which, probably, had been left for some time, and the tea had become so dry that it was taking to the drying of tea at the time, for it was not until the flames had got a good hold of the building that anything was noticed. On the 2nd inst. the alarm was rung out by the fire bells at about 3.20, the cause being an outbreak in a tea shop occupied by the Mel Pong at 263, Queen's-road West. 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